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In re Application of

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Examiner:

Title: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE, COMPENSATOR LAYER AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A RETARDATION FOIL

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 8, 1999, the Applicant would like to make the following remarks:

REMARKS

The rejection of Claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Ito et al. is considered to lack merit.

The Ito et al. patent is not considered to teach, or even suggest, the liquid-crystal display device defined by even Claim 1, the most generic display device claim or even Claim 7, the most generic compensator layer claim.

Unlike the compensator layer defined by these claims, there is nothing in the Ito et al. patent to even suggest that the liquid-crystal molecules present in the liquid crystalline material of the compensator layer exhibits a tilt angle relative to the substrates of the display device, or relative to a plane parallel to the

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